

OFFICES.—With regard to appointments, I have so much confidence in the justice and good sense of the Federalists that I have no doubt they will concur in the fairness of the position that after they have been in the exclusive possession of all the offices from the very first origin of party among' us to the third of March, at nine o'clock in the night, *no*- Republican ever admitted, and this doctrine newly avowed, it is now perfectly just that the Republicans should come in for the vacancies which may fall in until something like an equilibrium in office be restored; after which *Tros Tyriusque nullo discrimine habetur.* * * * Of the thousand of officers in the United States a very few individuals only, probably not twenty will be removed; and these only for doing what they ought not to have done. * * * I know that in stopping thus short in the career of removal, I shall give offense to many of my friends. That torrent has been pressing me heavily and will require all my force to bear up against; but my maxim is "*Hat justitia, ruat caelum.*" After the first unfavorable impressions of doing too much in the opinion of some and *too*- little in that of others shall be got over, I should hope a steady line of conciliation very practicable, and that without yielding a single Republican principle. (To Benjamin Rush, 1801. F. VIII., 32.)

OFFICES.—Pray recommend one to me as a marshal; and let him be the most respectable and inexcepti enable possible; and especially let him be Republican. The only shield for our Republican citizens against the federalism of the courts is to have the attorneys and marshals Republicans. There is nothing I am so anxious about as good nominations, conscious that the merit as well as reputation of an administration depends as much upon that as on its measures. (To Archibald Stuart, 1801. F. VIIL, 470)

OFFICES.—In Connecticut alone a general sweep seems to be called on for principles of justice and policy. Their Legislature now sitting are removing every Republican even from the commissions of the peace and the lowest offices. There then we will retaliate. Whilst the Federalists are taking possession of all the State offices, exclusively, they ought not to expect we will